

Co-Equal Responsibilities

- Act as a primary state agency to implement ecosystem restoration in the Delta, and
- Support efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents



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Water Through the Bay Delta

■ Supplies Bay Area, Central Valley & So. California

Bay Area – 33%

Some regions up to
100% dependent on the
Delta

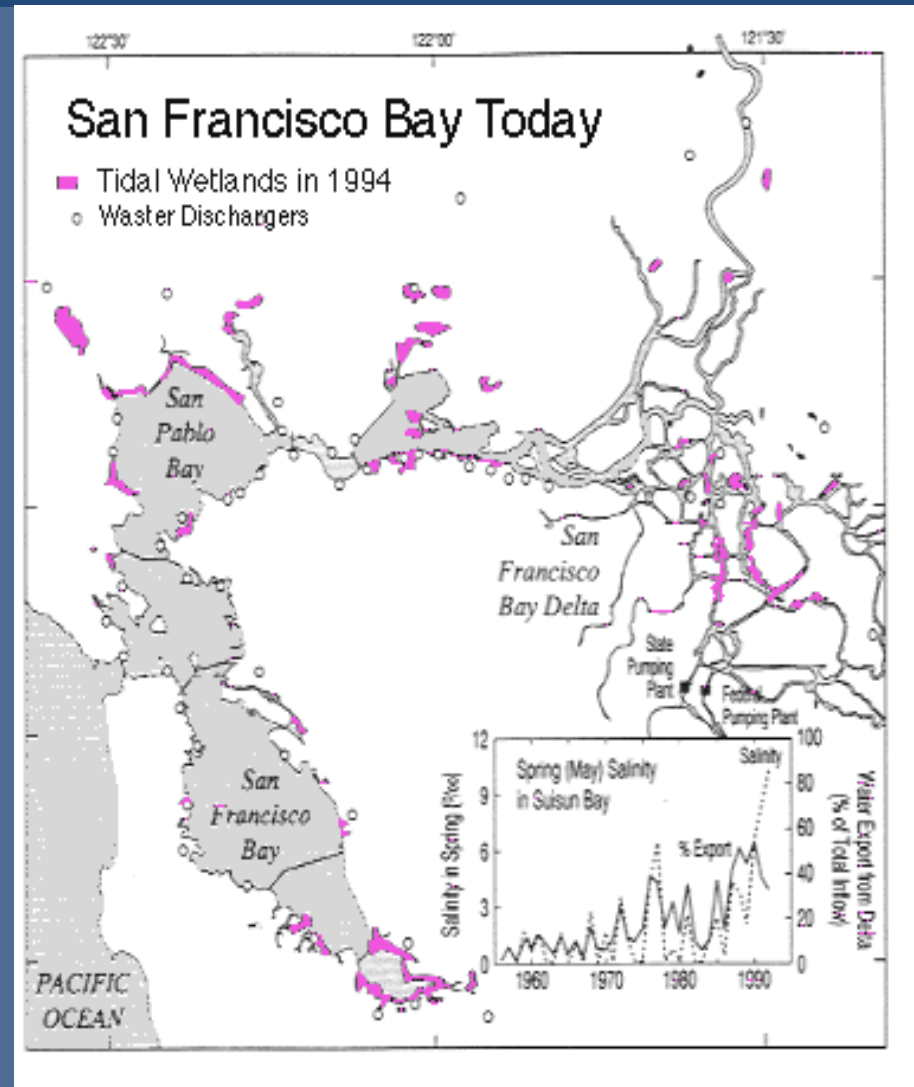
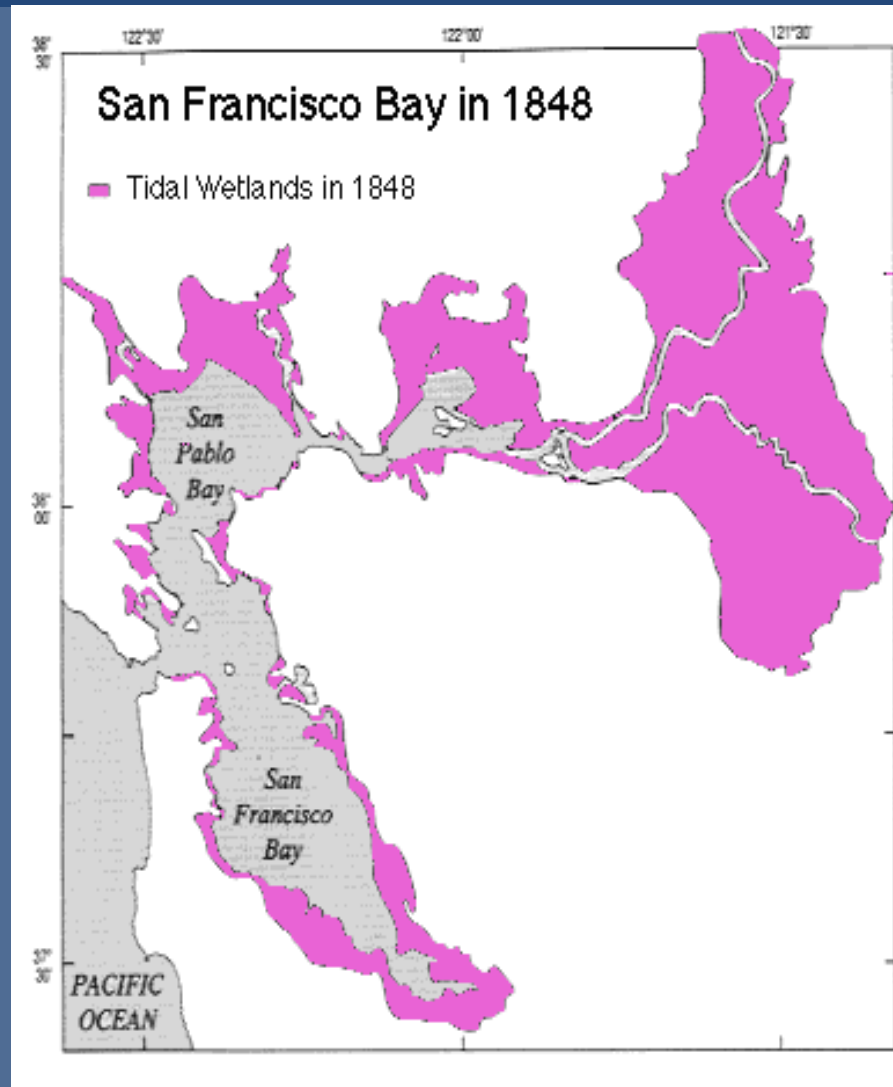
Central Valley – 23 to 90%

Southern Cal – 30%



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San Francisco Bay and Delta Tidal Marshes – Historical and Current Conditions

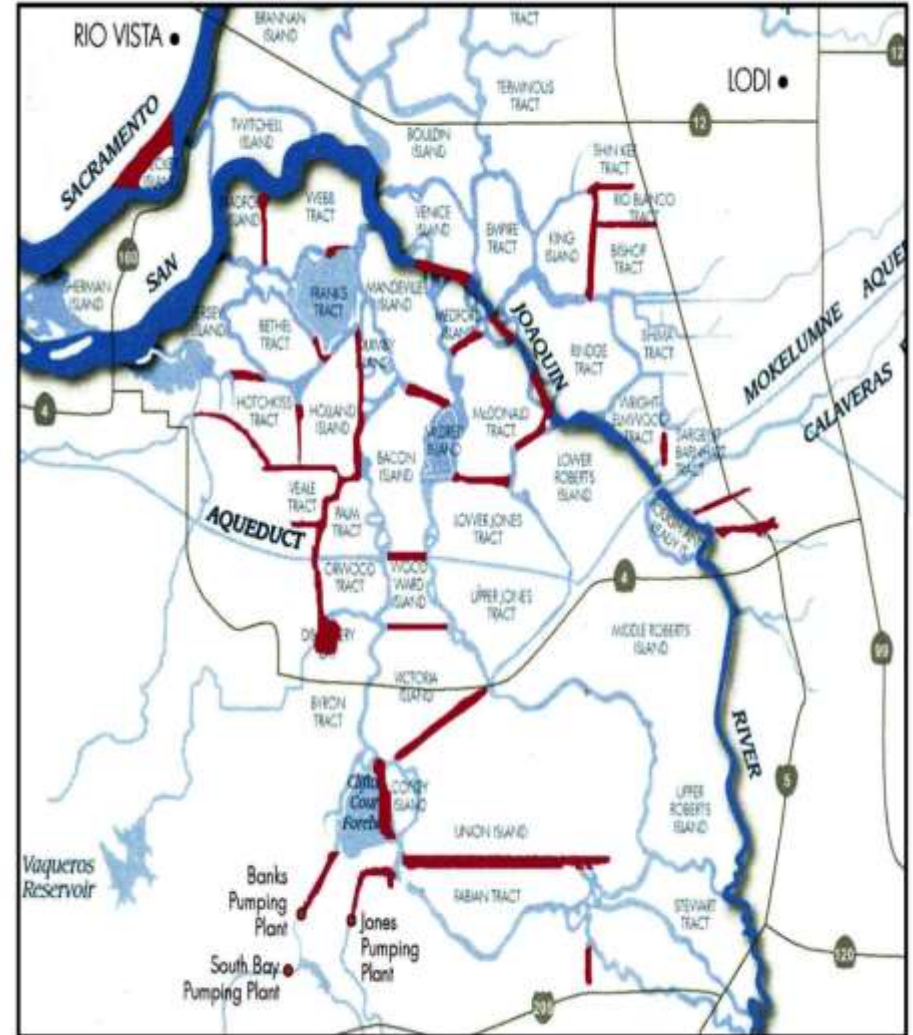
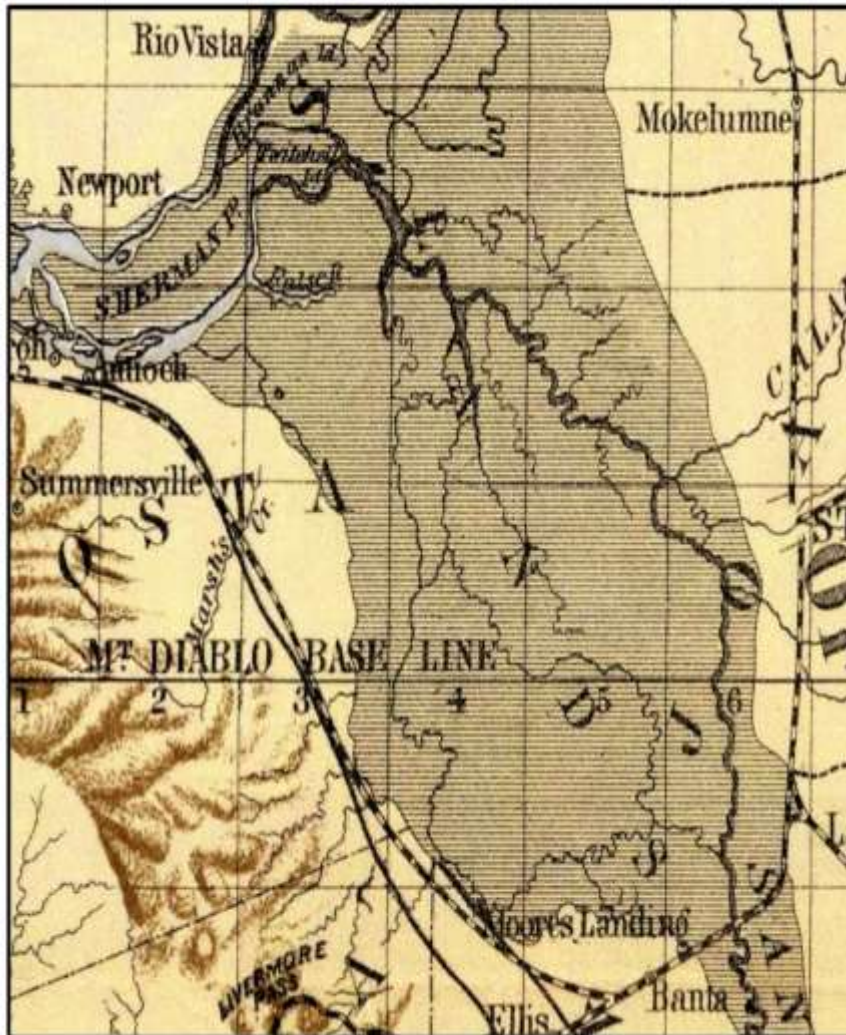


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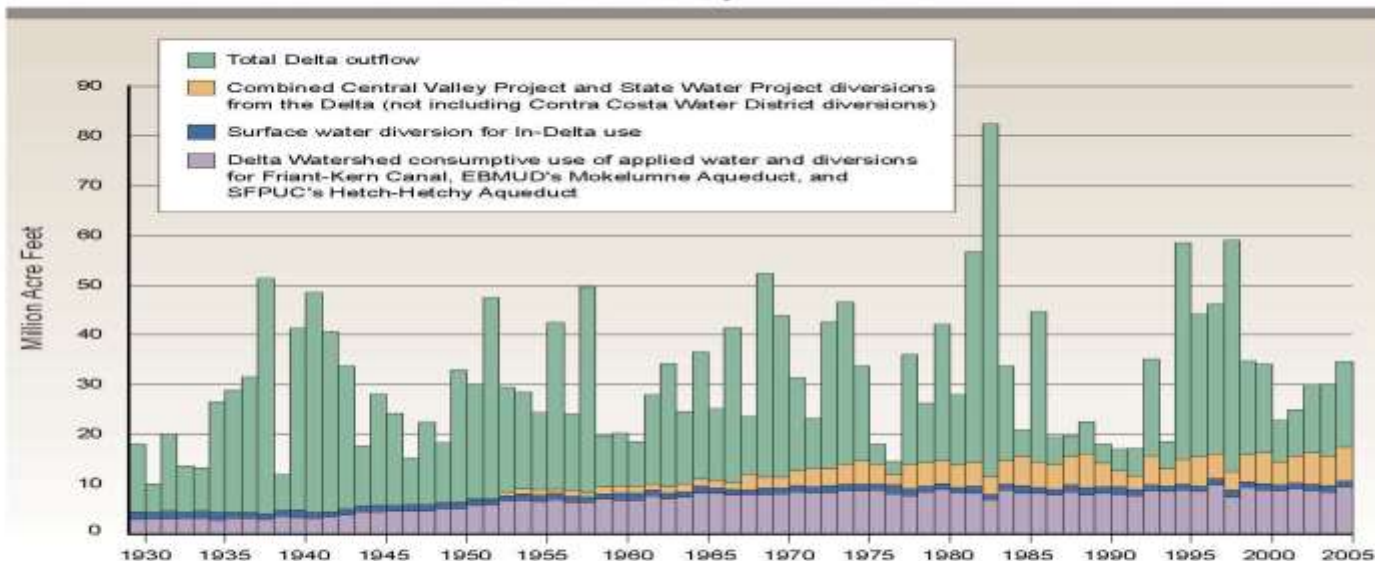
Historical and Current Delta





Diversions and Exports

Figure 7b. Historic Diversions before the Delta, in-Delta Uses and Exports from the Delta, plus Outflows



Trends in Destinations and Uses

Period	Average Annual Total (MAF)	Outflow	in-Delta	Exports	Delta Watershed
1930 to 1949	25.80	81%	5%	0%	14%
1950 to 1969	31.71	67%	4%	4%	24%
1970 to 1989	34.34	51%	5%	15%	29%
1990 to 2005	32.85	48%	4%	17%	31%

When the averages of 20-year periods are compared, these data show:

- Outflows to the ocean go down from 81% to 48% of total flows;
- In-Delta uses are essentially constant at 4% to 5% of total flows;
- Exports of water taken in the Delta but conveyed elsewhere go up, from none to 17% of total flows; and
- In-Delta watershed (before reaching Delta) uses also go up, from 14% to 31% of total flows (some of these are exported from the Delta watershed).

Source: measured, calculated and modeled from an array of data sources as compiled by Tully and Young, Inc.



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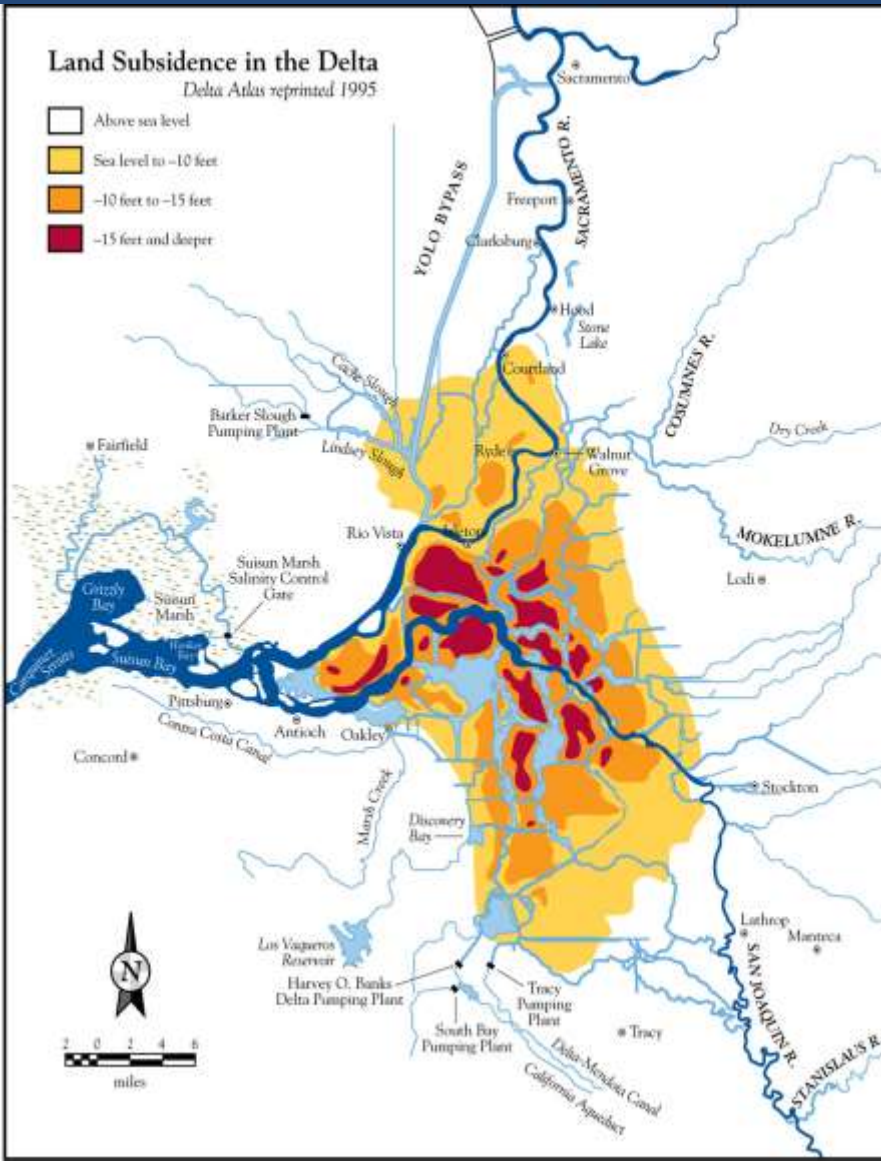
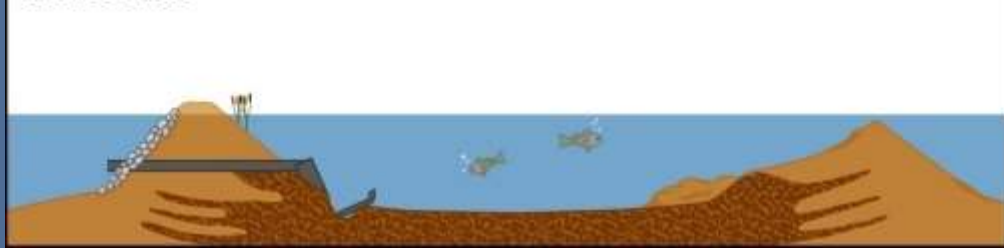
Invasive Species



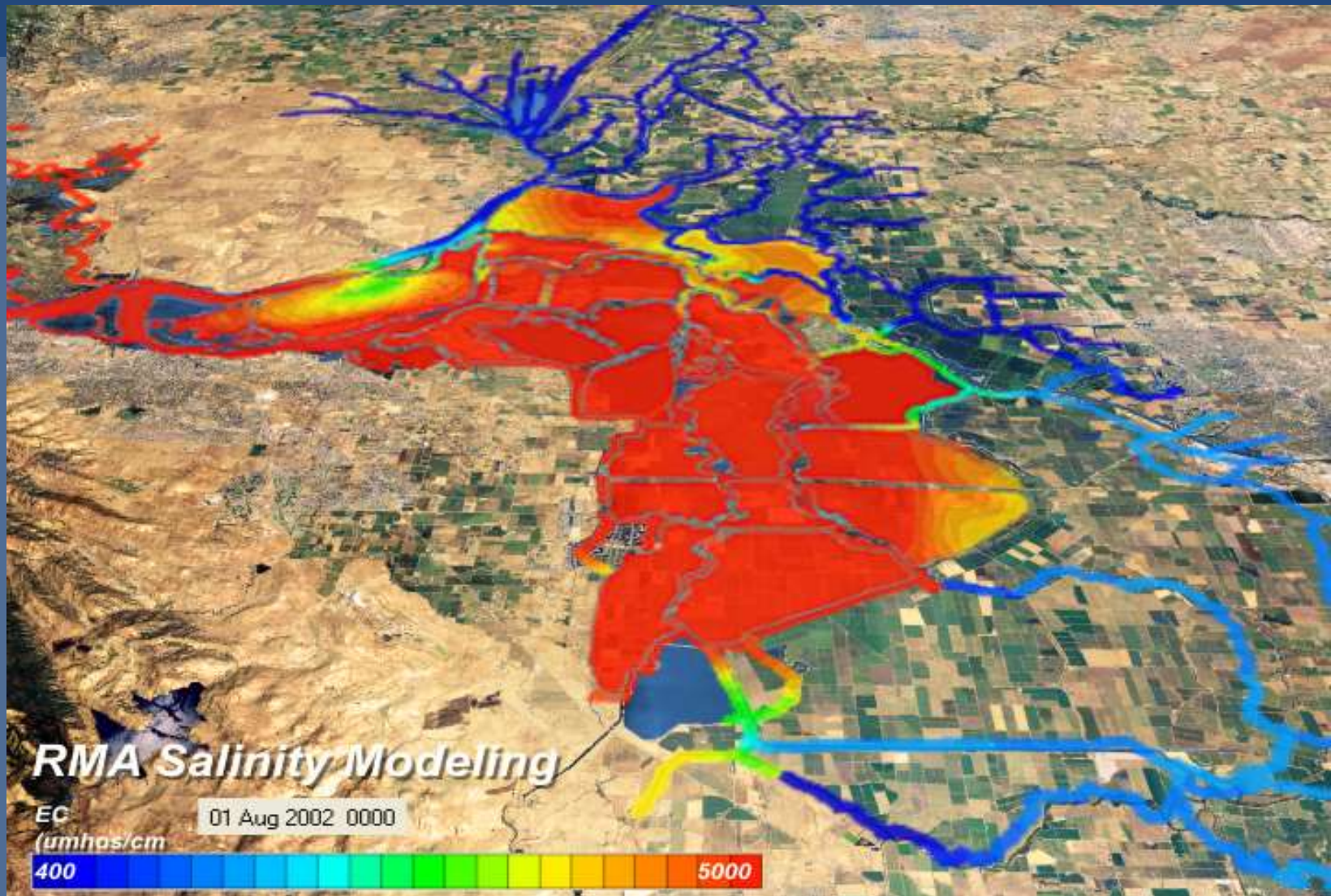
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Pre-1880: Freshwater Tidal Marsh



6.5 Magnitude Earthquake causing 20-Island Failure



30 days: A saline estuary



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Headlines

San Francisco Chronicle

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Peripheral canal, new levees urged for Delta

By Kelly Zito
 Chronicle Staff Writer

An influential Cabinet-level group Friday released its prescription for the sickly Sacramento-San

without the approval of the California Legislature. The panel backed away from creating new governing bodies to oversee the delta, altering the Cali

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WEDNESDAY, December 31, 2008

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Sierra snow pack low, a dry winter looms

By Mike Taugher

Ocean conditions have shifted in a way that probably means Southern California

Despite recent

The Sacramento Bee

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009

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SB C2073

Federal draft report: Delta system imperils fish

The impacts are so significant that the agency is also studying whether killer whales in the ocean could be imperiled by declining Central Valley salmon, their

Los Angeles Times

Thursday, January 15, 2009

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L.A.'s water woes worsen

By Shelby Grad

Los Angeles has been told it can expect a big jump in the cost of water -- and that has officials angry and has raised the specter

of rationing, according to the Daily Breeze: Los Angeles could be facing a 21 percent increase in the cost of water as the continuing drought potentially

leads to a tougher water rationing plan limiting residents to outdoor watering only three days a week. The Metropolitan Water District, which provides

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Delta fish hit record lows in 2008

By Mike Taugher

nearly 40 years ago to an index of 23, the lowest number on record

species.

"If you're doing something in the

Delta fish numbers sank again to lows in 2008,

The Sacramento

TUESDAY, January 13, 2009

Nature Conservancy canal, with condition

By Matt Weiser

One of the nation's largest environmental groups has decided to support building a controversial new water canal around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

In a statement expected today, the Nature Conservancy calls a canal diverting the Sacramento River around the Delta an "essential component" to restore the estuary and protect

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The cost of water may rise in L.A. DROUGHT: The hike of as 21 percent could be passed on by supplier.

By Rick Orlov

Los Angeles could be facing a 21 percent increase in the cost of water as the continuing drought potentially

leads to a tougher water rationing plan limiting residents to outdoor watering only three days a week.

The Metropolitan Water District, which

provides the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power with 60 percent of its supplies, unveiled the higher costs at a recent meeting, drawing anger

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Water rationing likely in SoCal this spring

By Associated Press

The giant water wholesaler serving 18 million Southern Californians says there's an increased likelihood water will be rationed this spring.

The Metropolitan Water District, which supplies cities and water agencies throughout the region, had said earlier there was a 33 percent chance of rationing. In a report Tuesday,

the district hiked the possibility to 50 percent.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has restricted Sacramento-San Joaquin river delta water deliveries to Southern California